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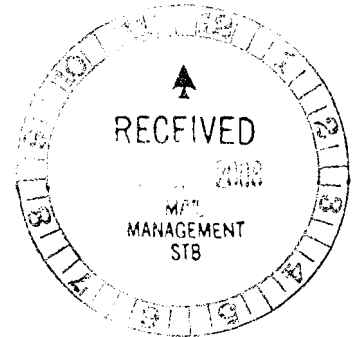
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May 12, 2006

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
C/O Case Control Unit
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423



RE: Environmental Comments for Finance Docket, NO. 34797

Dear Secretary Williams,

Please accept this comment letter relating to the New England Transrail Application for a rail transfer facility as described above.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed application. While your review is important, I need to remind you that my constituents in Woburn feel particularly threatened by any commercial use that has the potential to elevate or exacerbate the danger inherent at the current site. The people of Woburn have a long and tortured history with regard to environmental hazards.

I ask you not only to do a comprehensive review of this proposal but I ask you to reject this application until the following steps have been achieved;

- 1) A complete review by Massachusetts DEP including a full and new Environmental Impact Study.
- 2) A complete and separate review of any environmental danger inherent in this proposal by the Federal E.P.A.
- 3) An impact study that includes inherent affects on the community of Woburn and not just the community of Wilmington.

- 4) A full and complete traffic study that includes the communities of Woburn and Wilmington and comment from The Massachusetts Highway Department.
- 5) A full and complete noise study should be conducted to determine the appropriateness of this use in and near a residential area.
- 6) A complete study of the content of all materials to be transported onto the proposed site.

I ask that you reject outright this proposal, and at the very least in the alternative that you stand still the process until the questions above are satisfactorily addressed.

Thank you for your time and attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Havern", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT A. HAVERN, State Senator
Fourth Middlesex District